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SUBJ: LIBYAN ALLEGATIONS OF US VESSEL IN DISPUTED WATERS;

US-LIBYAN RELATIONS

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1. BECAUSE OF CONTINUING UNAVAILABILITY OF FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI (HE IS IN STATE OF CONSTANT TRAVEL) I MADE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL B TO ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUSNI SHABAN ON MARCH 15. SHABAN RESPONDED BY SAYING LIBYAN GOVERNMENT WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE SUCH POSITIVE STATEMENTS WHICH HE WOULD CONVEY TO TURAYKI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. CHABAN TOLD ME LIBYAN UN REP KIKHYA NOW HAS APPOINTMENT TO SEE HABIB. WHILE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT HOPES MEETING WILL BE USEFUL, IT ALSO HOPES FURTHER AND HIGHER CONTACT WITH USG WILL BE POSSIBLE. HE INDICATED THAT KIKHYA WAS CHARGED WITH TRYING TO IMPROVE US-LIBYAN RELATIONS AND LIBYANS HOPED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET SUBSEQUENTLY WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND PRESIDENT.

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3. SHABAN THEN INFORMED ME THAT LIBYAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMATION INDICATING EGYPTIANS PLAN TO VASTLY STEP UP ANTI-LIBYAN BROADCASTS AND THAT EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WAS SEEKING EQUIPMENT FROM AN ENGLISH COMPANY AND POSSIBLY AN AMERICAN COMPANY. HE NOTED THAT IF SUCH EQUIPMENT WERE SUPPLIED BY A US COMPJY THE LIBYANS WOULD REGARD THIS AS "UNCORDIAL." MORE-

OVER, IT WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS. I NOTED THAT USG DID NOT USUALLY INTERFERE IN PRIVATE BUSINESS MATTERS, BUT THAT I WOULD PASS HIS MESSAGE ALONG. SHABAN THEN REPEATED TURAYKI'S ADMONITIONS REFTEL A TO EFFECT THAT US WOULD BE BEST ADVISED TO STAY OUT OF CONTROVERSIES BETWEEN ARAB BROTHERS.

4. SHABAN WAS AS USUAL CORDIAL AND COURTEOUS. HE ASSURED ME HE WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING CONTACT. FOR OUR LIBYAN COMPLAINTS SUGGEST CONTINUING CONCERN OF REGIME OVER INTENTIONS OF NEIGHBORS AND DEGREE OF US SUPPORT THEY ENJOY.
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